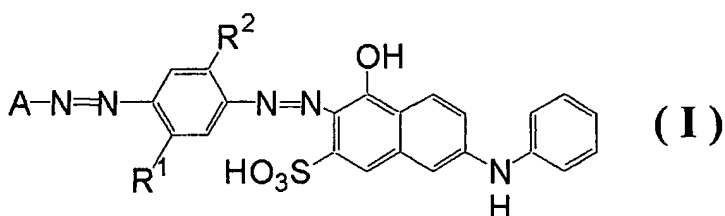


### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

#### **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A disazo compound of the formula ( I ) or a salt thereof[[]]:



wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl or 6,8-disulfo-2-naphthyl, one of R<sup>1</sup> represents methyl and R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen ~~and the other represents methyl.~~

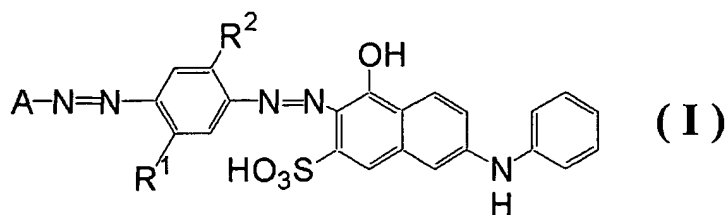
2. (original): The disazo compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl, R<sup>1</sup> represents methyl and R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen.

3. (original): The disazo compound or the salt thereof according to Claim 1, wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl, R<sup>1</sup> represents hydrogen and R<sup>2</sup> represents methyl.

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4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A dye-based polarizing film comprising a base material and a disazo compound of the formula (I) or a salt thereof contained in the base material[[]]:



wherein A represents 4-sulfophenyl or 6,8-disulfo-2-naphthyl, one of R<sup>1</sup> represents methyl and R<sup>2</sup> represents hydrogen ~~and the other represents methyl.~~

6. (original): The dye-based polarizing film according to Claim 5 wherein the base material is a film comprising polyvinyl alcohol-based resin.